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BETTY C. DILLON

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE PREPARED BY CONGEN RIO WITH EMBASSY  
CONCURRENCE.

SUMMARY. CONGEN OFFICERS DISCUSSED U.S. ICAO SYG  
CANDIDATE WITH CERNAI PRESIDENT, BRIG. EDIVIO DOS CALDOS  
SANCTOS. OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY APPROACHED CERNAI  
FOR SUPPORT. HE REITERATED VIEWS THAT ICAO WAS  
POLITICIZED BODY AND THAT DECISION ON SYG WOULD BE MADE  
ON POLITICAL GROUNDS WITH ARABS AND AFRICANS COMBINING  
TO ELECT CANDIDATE. BRIG. EDIVIO LEFT IMPRESSION BRAZIL  
IS UNLIKELY TO SUPPORT U.S. CANDIDATE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON FRIDAY, FEB 27, CONGEN OFFICERS MET WITH BRIG.  
EDIVIO TO REQUEST SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF MRS. BETTY DILLON,  
U.S. CANDIDATE FOR ICAO SYG. CONGEN OFFICERS LEFT COPY  
OF MRS. DILLON'S BIOGRAPHY. IN RESPONSE BRIG. EDIVIO  
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2. FRENCH AND INDONESIANS HAVE ALREADY APPROACHED CERNAI ON BEHALF OF THEIR CANDIDATES. ADDITIONALLY, ARGENTINA AND MEXICO MAY ALSO PRESENT CANDIDATES AND REQUEST SUPPORT ALTHOUGH IN CASE OF LATTER MEXICAN GOVERNMENT APPEARS RELUCTANT TO PUSH OWN CANDIDATE. SHOULD LATIN AMERICANS COME UP WITH CANDIDATE (AND BRIG. EDIVIO THOUGHT ARGENTINES WOULD DEFINITELY DO SO), THERE WOULD BE MEETING OF CALAC - COMMISSAO AMERICA LATINA AVIACAO CIVIL - TO DECIDE WHETHER TO SUPPORT CANDIDATE AS A BLOC. BRIG. EDIVIO PUT FORTH IDEA THAT CALAC IS RATHER INEFFECTIVE, AMORPHOUS GROUP THAT LATIN AMERICANS USE TO BARTER INFLUENCE.

3. EDIVIO AGREED THAT MRS. DILLON REPRESENTED HIGHLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE BUT SAID THAT ALL CANDIDATES APPEARED TO BE QUALIFIED. BRAZILIANS HAD THREE HIGHLY QUALIFIED PEOPLE BUT WOULD FIELD NO RPT NO CANDIDATE AS ALL THREE WERE ACTIVE AIR FORCE OFFICERS RELUCTANT TO ABANDON THEIR CAREERS. ONLY AFRICANS, EDIVIO SAID, OCCASIONALLY COME UP WITH NON-QUALIFIED PEOPLE.

4. BRIG. EDIVIO AGREED WITH IDEA THAT SYG SHOULD COME FROM COUNTRY HAVING MAJOR COMMERCIAL AVIATION INTERESTS (CONGEN OFFICERS INDICATED U.S. PLACES BRAZIL IN THIS CATEGORY). WHILE THIS WAS HIGHLY DESIRABLE, BRIG. EDIVIO REITERATED FEELINGS (SEE REFTET B) THAT ICAO WAS POLITICIZED GROUP AND THAT AFRICANS AND ARABS WOULD PROBABLY COMBINE TO ELECT A CANDIDATE ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. (IRONICALLY, BRIG. EDIVIO ALSO STATED THAT BRAZIL'S DECISION ON VOTING FOR A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE WOULD BE MADE WITH BRAZIL'S OVERALL INTERESTS IN MIND. CERNAI WOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATION BUT OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, (I.E. ITAMARITY), WOULD ALSO HAVE INPUT AND HIGHER GOVERNMENT LEVELS COULD DETERMINE TO USE BRAZIL'S VOTE AS TRADE-OFF FOR SUPPORT IN OTHER AREAS.)

6. BRIG. EDIVIO SAID THAT BI AGHI AND KOTAITE WOULD EXERCISE GREAT INFLUENCE ON ELECTION. HE ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDICATED BRAZIL REP. WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE LATITUDE IN VOTING NOR CANDIDATE. HE GAVE AS REASONFACT THAT CANDIDATES OFTEN MANOEUVRE AT ICAO (WITH KOTAITE AND

BINAGHI BEHIND THE SCENES) AND DECIDE AT LAST MINUTE TO COMBINE IN FAVOR OF ONE OR ANOTHER. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS IT WAS ADVISABLE FOR BRAZIL REP. TO HAVE SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONS TO ENABLE HIM TO

SWITCH HIS VOTE IF NECESSARY.

COMMENT: WE LEFT MEETING WITH IMPRESSION BRAZIL  
IS UNLIKELY TO SUPPORT U.S. CANDIDATE. AT ONE  
POINT IN CONVERSATION BRIG. EDIVIO STATED THAT  
IT WAS MISTAKE FOR U.S. TO HAVE FIELDDED  
CANDIDATE WHO HAD NO CHANCE OF WINNING.  
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